GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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VISA FRAUD CASES
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether complaints regarding manipulations in issuance of visa and passports are on the rise in the country;

(b) if so, whether several foreigners have entered into India illegally;

(c) whether more than 29 such cases have been detected at the border of Rajasthan and other States;and

(d) if so,the steps taken by the Government to check such incidents?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS(SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISAWAL)

(a) to (c): No foreigner is allowed by the immigration authorities to enter into the country unless he/she is in possession of valid travel documents including a valid visa.As per available information, 108 cases of forged travel documents were detected at Munabao Immigration Check Post (ICP),falling under the district of Barmer in the State of Rajasthan,in the year 2008 (upto June).

(d): To ascertain the genuineness of the travel documents including visas and to detect forgeries,the immigration officers at all the ICPs in the country are provided with the specimen copies of the travel documents for comparison.They are also provided with Ultra Violet Lamps/Magnifying glasses to examine the travel documents including visas to detect possible tampering.In addition,Passport Reading Machines(PRMs) and Questionable Document Examiner(QDX) Machines have also been installed at major ICPs.Above all,officers manning immigration counters at all the ICPs are given special training for detection of forged/fake travel documents.